

## Primary Healthcare Implementation Advisory Board

### Minutes of the June 9, 2005 Regular Meeting

Members Present: Art Jusko, Dr. Edwardo Williams, Comm. Ed DePuy, Dr. James Stockwell, Mark O'Bryant, Dr. Edward Holifield, Art Cooper, Kandy Hill, Brian Deslog, Homer Rice, Henry Lewis

Members Requesting Excused Absence:  
Mr. Steve McArthur

Guests:  
Meg Beitler, J. R. Richards, Dr. Zandra Glenn, Dr. Temple Robinson, Bill Fagen, Korey Fleming

Staff Present:  
Joe Sharp, Jamaar Brundidge

Meeting came to order at 6:13 p.m. by Chairman Dr. Edwardo Williams, presiding.

Chairman Williams opened the board meeting with the County Attorney's Advisory regarding the Florida Sunshine Statutes. Art Cooper then introduced the new representative from the Department of Health, Homer Rice. Art Cooper announced that he would still serve of the Board after he retires.

#### **Issue I: Consideration of Minutes from May 12, 2005 Regular**

**Discussion:** A motion was made to approve of the minutes. The motion was seconded and approved by a vote of 9 – 0.

#### **Issue II: Monthly Operations Report**

**Discussion:** Joe Sharp reported that there is no monthly report because the Chairman asked for the monthly report to be modification. The new monthly report will include DRG codes and CPT codes on patients. Further, Chairman Williams commented that the best way we can address the issues are to find out what we are treating. This will allow PHAB know what we are going to provide services and what we are not going to provide services for.

#### **Issue III: Unified Pharmacy Program Proposal**

**Discussion:** Dr. Zandra Glenn (Director of FAMU Pharmacy) presented a proposal to unify the pharmacy programs at FAMU Pharmacy at Bond and NHS. The pharmacy program will assure the provision of pharmaceuticals for the uninsured by establishing a unified model so that all uninsured patients received the same level of pharmaceutical services regardless of where they receive primary care. Addition, the unified pharmacy will establish an extensive indigent pharmaceutical program.

Dr. Glenn described the demographics of FAMU Pharmacy at Bond and NHS Pharmacy. NHS pharmacy has been in operations for over 25 years and fill approximately 2,500 prescriptions a month with 3 part-time pharmacists and 2 part-time technicians. FAMU Pharmacy at Bond has been in operations for 4 years and fills approximately 2,200 prescriptions a month with 2.5 pharmacists, ADAP Coordinator, 1 full-time technician, and 5 volunteer interns.

Dr. Glenn reported that original goal of unifying both pharmacies has been lost. Some of the problem that exists between the two pharmacies are separate drug formularies, separate sliding fee schedules, separate staff, and separate drug manufacture programs. The solution to the problems is to expand FAMU College of Pharmacy services and unify all pharmaceutical operations for all uninsured Leon County residents.

**Goals of the Unified Pharmacy:**

- to coordinate and unify pharmacy services for Bond, NHS, and the two local hospitals
- develop a community-wide formulary for distribution to healthcare providers of the uninsured
- coordinate the Patient Assistance Program
- allow pharmacy locations to be electronically linked
- Electronic activities to be monitored and managed by the Leon County Health Department IT staff

The future of the proposal will add additional pharmacy's sites, provide PAP services throughout Leon County, expand scope of pharmacy services and put in disease management programs.

**Action:** Joe Sharp asked if the PHAB wished to make the Unified Pharmacy proposal a recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners. Art Cooper moved to recommend the Unified Pharmacy Program and Mark O'Byrant seconded the motion with questions and comments.

**Comments regarding the motion:**

- Mark O'Byrant asked how do patients out of private practice assess this Pharmacy Proposal. Dr. Glenn replied that in the future this Unified Pharmacy will provide services to patients that are outside of the CareNet network.
- Joe Sharp indicated this proposal along with 340b pricing would make a tremendous step toward providing pharmacy drug to the uninsured.
- Mark O'Bryant asked what would happen if 340b pricing came on line. Dr. Glenn answered if 340b pricing came would have significant saving in cost and that would allow the pharmacies to purchase more drugs and hire more staff.

- Chairman Williams asked for an outline of how the Pharmacies are structured. Dr. Glenn answered by NHS and Bond ask for a budget from the County and there is a line item for pharmaceuticals and staff. The FAMU College of Pharmacy contributes by paying Dr. Glenn's salary and it is not charged to Bond. Dr. Glenn stated the Unified Pharmacy program would permit the FAMU Pharmacy to contract directly with the County for pharmacy services. Dr. Glenn stated that she has already spoken with NHS Board of Directors and Bonds Board of Directors about unifying the pharmacies and they are in agreement.
- Kandy Hill commented that Dr. Glenn made a wonderful presentation. Further she noted that as a healthcare provider unified pharmacy services is a quality of patient care issue because patients are getting their prescriptions from systems that are unconcerned about "network" issues.

**Action:** The motion was approved by 10-0 vote.

**Issue IV: Access to Healthcare Workgroup Report**

**Discussion:** Mark O'Byrant presented an update report on Access to Healthcare Workgroup. Mark reported the workgroup is looking at a model for a two-tier comprehensive health system. The Workgroup is currently commenting on the Comprehensive health plan. The model has been shared with all the members of the workgroup, members of the PHAB, NHS, and Bond Community Health Center and other interested parties.

The Workgroup is reviewing a White Paper for the purpose of establishing cost for the Comprehensive Healthcare Plan. The White Paper discusses funding for healthcare services for the under and uninsured Leon County population. Topics in the White Paper included

- current healthcare crisis, crisis to become much worse
- problems with the current healthcare delivery system for low income/uninsured residents
- who are the low income, uninsured residents not covered by a publicly funded program
- current system for delivering medical care to low income, uninsured residents in Leon County
- alternative business models for delivering healthcare to low income, uninsured patients
- recommendations for Leon County

The White Paper is only a draft and is open for comments from Bond, NHS, and the community.

Further, the workgroup discussed 340b pharmaceutical pricing. The goal of the workgroup is to make the 340b pharmaceutical pricing available to the people in the community who are uninsured and under-insured. Joe Sharp will investigate who are engaged in the 340b pricing and how the workgroup can apply 340B

pricing to the unified primary care pharmacy.

Chairman Williams asked who are the members of the Access to Healthcare Workgroup and does NHS and Bond have access to the group. Mark replied that Bond and NHS are in Access to Healthcare Workgroup. Chairman Williams requested that a workshop be scheduled on the Comprehensive Healthcare Plan. Further Chairman Williams requested a presentation of 340b pricing to be made to the PHAB.

**Issue V: CareNet Consortium Progress Report**

**Discussion:** Dr. Zandra Glenn presented the CareNet progress report. Her report included discussion of what the CareNet group is considering for the MSTU funding recommendation. The CareNet group has been considering applying for several grants which include Department of Health Challenge Grant, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Grant, W.K. Kellogg Foundation Grant. The Challenge Grant primary purpose is to provide community based Case Managers. The Case Managers will be operation in the community and will help patients with barriers to healthcare and help them find a primary care home. If we are awarded this grant, it will bring in over \$412,000 into Leon County over the next three years. The deadline for the Challenge Grant is June 30, 2005.

The CareNet group has determined some programs that are needs in the community. These needs are women health services, diabetes supplies, transportation, mental health, and adult dental health. These proposals will be presented to the PHAB in a couple of weeks.

Chairman Williams asked Joe Sharp when the Board of County Commissioners needs a recommendation from the PHAB of the MSTU funds. Joe Sharp answered by stating that the recommendation needs to be made by the PHAB August meeting so that it can be properly agendaed in the County Commissioners September meeting. Further, the CareNet group would present their recommendation to the PHAB for the MSTU funds during the PHAB July meeting which will allow the PHAB opportunity to take action on the CareNet recommendations.

**Issue VI Citizens to be heard**

**Discussion:** There were no citizens to be heard.

**Issue VI Letter from the Chairman of Bond's Board of Director**

**Discussion:** Chairman Williams presented and summarized a letter from Gail Milon, Chairperson of Bond's Board of Director. Bond indicated that it no longer desires to be considered as an agent to participate in the \$1 Million MSTU Fund Balance allocated to conduct women's health services and regret that Bond will not be able to participate in the partitioning of funds to several agencies in a "piece meal" approach.

Chairman Williams asked if anybody from Bond would like to comment on the letter. There were no comments made from any representative of Bond.

Further, Chairman William requested Joe Sharp to make sure everyone on the PHAB receive a copy of the letter.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 7:06 P. M.